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11. On December 20, the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry sent another diplomatic note to the Embassy with a separate English-language message of greetings from acting Foreign Minister Karabayev to Secretary Rice. Begin text of the message (as supplied in English by the MFA) and addressed to Secretary Rice:

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Let me sincerely thank you for warm words of congratulations on the occasion of the forthcoming Holy Kurman Ait, evoking tolerance, mercifulness and spiritual self-perfecting of the faithful.

Taking this opportunity let me congratulate you and all the people of the United States with the forthcoming lucid holiday of Christmas. Based on beneficence and precepts of goodness, mercy and justice, the Christmas holiday gives to people pleasure, hope as well as strengthens traditional moral values.

With all my heart, I wish you and everyone who celebrates Christmas happiness, peace and goodness.

12. The diplomatic note and English-language message closed with standard complimentary language.

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